(a) whether the Government propose to give priority to Ramanathapuram district in Tamil Nadu in implementing the Government policy "telephones for all panchayats" to curtail LTTE activities; and

(b) if so, when; if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Government have planned to provide telephone facility to all Panchayat Villages in the country progressively by 31.3.1995; Priority will be given to areas affected by Law and Order problem subject to technical feasibility.

[*Translation*]

S.T.D. Facility in Nainital, U.P.

3944. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Exchanges proposed to be linked with STD facility during the year 1991;

(b) whether the Government had also considered linking the Telephone Exchanges of Nainital with STD facility; and

(c) if so, the names of telephone exchanges proposed to be linked with STD facility and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Nainital is already linked with STD facility. Six (6) out of fifty one (51) exchanges in Nainital District are having STD facility. In 1991, Pantnagar has been provided with STD facility.

(c) The remaining exchanges in Nainital District will be linked with STD facility progressively, during the 8th plan period.

Post offices in Anola, U.P.

3945. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the places selected by the Government for opening Post Offices in Anola in U.P. during the year 1991;

(b) the number of places out of them where post offices have been opened and the number of places where these are yet to be opened ; and

(c) the time by which post offices are likely to be opened at the remaining places?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) & (b). A target of opening 6 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices, subject to jurisdiction has been fixed for 1991-92 for Barelli District which in includes Anola. Out of these 6 proposed Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices, one is proposed for Gausganj which is in Anola Tehsil and which is yet to be opened

(c) These Extra-Departmental Post Offices are likely to be opened subject to justification by 31.3.1992.

[*English*]

World Bank assistance for Kerala Power Project

3946. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power projects in Kerala for which the World Bank assistance